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Filed: April 5, 2001)
Serial No.: 09/827,045) Group Art Unit: 1743
Title: Method for Automatically Storing and)
Reprocessing Patient Specimen's in an)
Automatic Clinical Analyzer)
Atty Docket No.: DCS-9119 CIP)
Examiner: Gakh, Yelena)

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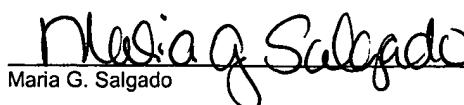
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